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RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents

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Petition to patent examiner Ruth A. Davis

Pertaining to Advisory Action, date mailed 08/21/2003, regarding patent application serial number 09/888,741, filed by Gene E. Lightner 06/25/2001, response to Advisory Action is enclosed within.

The amended specification, page 5, lines 12 and 13, present an amended statement. In the preferred embodiment of the present invention, as claimed within claim 1, means of producing water soluble carbohydrates derived from lignocellulose is presented. Thus the specification has been amended to meet the requirement of U.S.C. 35. 112 second paragraph.

Remarks regarding patent application serial number 09/841,504, are enclosed on a separate sheet. These remarks determine that prior art is groundless within the present application. Revised amendment practice, as established within 37 CFR 1.121, is presented. Thus claim listing, 2 pages, is provided within separate sheets, as well as previously presented remarks, making a total of 3 separate sheets. It is expected that upon examination of the separate sheets, claims, will be allowed by the Examiner.

Very respectfully,

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